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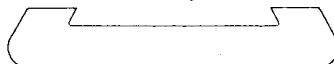
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3 MAY 1982FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF ACRV IN SYRIAAL QUTAYFAH, SYRIA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE SOVIET-PRODUCED ARMORED COMMAND RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (ACRV) HAS BEEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN SYRIA AT AL QUTAYFAH, APPROXIMATELY 12 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF DAMASCUS.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: AT LEAST THIRTY ACRV WERE AT AL QUTAYFAH VEHICLE STORAGE AREA, A HOLDING AREA FOR NEW EQUIPMENT SHIPMENTS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO SYRIAN UNITS.

(S/D) THE ACRV IS A COMMAND VEHICLE ASSOCIATED WITH SELF-PROPELLED (SP) ARTILLERY. NORMALLY, EACH SP ARTILLERY BATTERY HAS TWO ACRV, AND EACH BATTALION HAS EIGHT ACRV, ACCORDING TO THE DIA SOVIET GROUND FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDE (JANUARY 1979). THEREFORE, THERE ARE ENOUGH ACRV PRESENT HERE TO EQUIP MORE THAN THREE SP ARTILLERY BATTALIONS.

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3. (S) COORDINATES 33-38-59N 036-32-04E.

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